



**STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DIVISION OF PURCHASE AND PROPERTY**

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

**TAMPER RESISTANT SECURITY PAPER FOR
NEW JERSEY PRESCRIPTION BLANKS**

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Purpose

The purpose of this Request for Information (RFI) is to solicit information about the production, sale, storage and delivery of tamper resistant security paper for Uniform New Jersey Prescription Blanks (NJPBs).

The Division of Consumer Affairs (Division) is developing a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the production of tamper resistant security paper for NJPBs. The Division will approve a paper-vendor from which State-approved printer-vendors will directly purchase the security paper and print the NJPB template and identifying information on the paper and produce NJPBs for prescribers.

Background

The State of New Jersey's Division of Consumer Affairs, on behalf of the State of New Jersey ("State"), is issuing this RFI to identify options available to the State in connection with its implementation of tamper resistant security paper for NJPBs.

The New Jersey Prescription Blanks Program is set forth in N.J.A.C. 13:45A-27. All licensed prescribers of medication in New Jersey are required to use NJPBs for written prescriptions subject to security controls, in order to deter forged and altered prescriptions.

Currently NJPBs are printed by multiple State-approved printer-vendors who print the blanks to order, including the background, the template, and variable prescriber information, on white paper, then further convert for sale to prescribers as 4" x 5½" pads.

Under guidelines issued by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services of the U.S. Department of Health and Senior Services, to be considered tamper resistant for the purposes of the Social Security Act, a prescription pad must contain the following three characteristics:

- 1) one or more industry-recognized features designed to prevent unauthorized copying of a completed or blank prescription form;
- 2) one or more industry-recognized features designed to prevent the erasure or modification of information written on the prescription by the prescriber; and
- 3) one or more industry-recognized features designed to prevent the use of counterfeit prescription forms.

The Division believes that paper-based security measures produced by a single source will make NJPBs more secure.

Every NJPB issued will be printed on tamper resistant security paper. The prescription blank template, prescriber or facility and other variable information will be printed on the security paper by the printer-vendors, using a variety of printing methods and devices. The NJPBs themselves will be filled out by prescribers using various modes, including pen and ink and laser printer attached to an electronic health records system printing one NJPB precisely centered on a single 8.5 inch by 11 inch sheet so that only one NJPB can be printed from the sheet, and none can be printed on the wastage.

RFI Responses

The Division is particularly interested in obtaining information about the following:

Paper-based security features

Paper

- Appropriate paper stock, including whether it can be partially recycled
- Format and size of paper, e.g. rolls, sheets
- Paper specifications, e.g. weight, acidity, brightness, curl, tear, etc.
- Pre-perforating paper for printing NJPB via electronic health records system.
- Packaging

Secure manufacturing facilities

Secure storage of manufactured paper

Secure shipping and tracking of manufactured paper

Disaster Recovery Methods

Please include a discussion of the advantages and disadvantages of the various possibilities.

Respondents to this RFI are also requested to supply the following information:

1. Introduction to the respondent's organization, information such as parent company, history of experience, size, number of customers, office locations, paper manufacturing location(s), number of employees, etc. Please include ownership structure.
2. Contact name(s) and information for questions the State may have concerning this information and, if respondent is a vendor, the products and services offered.
3. List of relevant web sites for the respondent and its offerings.
4. List of government and private entities and project synopsis for which the vendor completed similar projects.
5. Product Samples - both printed and non-printed paper

The State is accepting electronic responses to this RFI in pdf format. Please email responses to:

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Supporting samples and documents/brochures should be mailed to:

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Responses to this RFI are requested by close of business on October 26, 2012.
All electronic responses shall be acknowledged by return e-mail.

Please note that this is an RFI ("Request for Information"), not a Request for Proposal ("RFP"). Responses to this RFI will not lead to a contractual relationship between a respondent and the State of New Jersey.

It is anticipated that information received in response to this RFI will be used to develop an RFP to select the sole supplier of NJPB tamper resistant security paper. While it is anticipated that many of the respondents to this RFI will be manufacturers, the Division solicits information from any interested relevant party on the topics described here. All information submitted by respondents to this RFI shall be considered public information. At this time, the State does not intend to publish any input received in response to this RFI.